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Written statement* submitted by the Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Unilateral coercive measures and their impact on the citizens of Sudan

States impose unilateral coercive measures on other countries for political purposes without reference to the United Nations Organization or relevant regional organizations, which is explicit and clear transgression of international humanitarian law.

Influenced unilateral coercive measures imposed on Sudan has negative impact on the citizens and all sectors including health, education, industry, agriculture, labor and other factors that have a direct impact on the income and daily livelihood. All these factors has contributed effectively to delay the process of development in the country. In the field of education, certain types of modern technology and laboratory and lab-reagents have been banned , technical support, scholarships have been stopped . This in turn has negatively affected school feeding by 15% and the bad impact on academic achievement and persistence rate of students in school.

Also influenced unilateral coercive measures have a direct impact on human health sector. Also the pharmaceutical sector was affected by the negative impact on the international cooperation. Also services of diagnosis and treatment have negatively affected by these measures.

We are as Organization of Women Development in eastern Sudan , working in development concern specially with woman and child, raise our voice to the Human Rights Council and the international community to lift the sanctions on unilateral coercive Sudan, which has been overshadowed by the negative on human life in Sudan .